



OUR PARISH BULLETIN

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our Church. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. Your prayers, your presence, and your talent are most welcome. May God bless all of us.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9 FEBRUARY 2020

Canon Liam Stevenson, PP
Fr. Jozef Wozniak, S.Chr
Fr. Brian Fitzpatrick, CC
66-70 North Street, Lurgan
BT67 9AH (028) 3832 3161

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Rev. Kevin Devine
Our Parish Deacon
(028) 3832 3161



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Vigil 7:00p.m. (Saturday)
9:00a.m., 10:30a.m. and 12:00noon.

Monday 10:00a.m.
Saturday: 10:30a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Evening before First Fridays:
6:15 to 6:50p.m.

Saturdays:
11.00a.m. to 11:30a.m.
6:15p.m. to 6:50p.m.

Saint Paul's Parish Office
Parish Secretary – Patricia McCann
(028) 3832 1289

Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday
Thursday and Friday
9.30a.m. to 12.30a.m.

Wednesday 1.00p.m. to 4:30p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us in the Adoration Chapel, Edward Street. 9.00am to 9.00pm



PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 2nd February 2020 - £2361.54
Many thanks for your huge generosity!

Please note that anyone wishing to arrange Anniversary Masses here in Saint Paul's Church; should now contact Fionnuala in the Sacristy before or after any Parish Mass. Anniversaries that are to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin must be registered before Wednesday at 1.00p.m.

2020 Parish Calendars are now available at the back of both Churches.

Please take one for your home, for those who are sick and housebound, and those who for their own personal reasons don't practice their faith in our parish Church on a weekly basis.



SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays:

Vigil 6:00p.m. (Saturday)
8:00a.m., 10:00a.m.,
11:00a.m. (po polsku) and 12:15p.m.

Monday to Friday: 8:00a.m.
Monday and Wednesday: 10:30a.m.
Tuesday and Friday: 7:00p.m.
Saturday: 9:30a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday: 6:15p.m. to 6:50p.m.
Saturday: 5:15p.m. to 5:50p.m.

Saint Peter's Parish Office
Parish Secretary – Marie Brady
(028) 3832 3161

Office Hours
Monday 10.00a.m. – 1.00p.m.
1:45p.m. – 4.00p.m.
Tuesday to Thursday
9.00a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
1:45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Friday 9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.
1:30p.m. to 2:30p.m.

New Rotas for Ministers of the Word (Readers) are now available for collection from the Sacristy here at Saint Paul's Church.

The next event sponsored by **C.O.G. (Community Outreach Group)** will take place on Wednesday 12th February at 8.00p.m. in the Jethro Centre, Flush Place. The title is 'Celtic Spirituality and Saint Brigid'. Our speaker is Reverend Grace Clunie, director of Centre of Celtic Spirituality, Armagh, an inter-church Ministry involving the four main Christian Churches and the Quakers.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

A new Bible Study and Prayer Group will begin on Monday 17th February. We will gather above the Parish Office in Saint Peter's from 11.00a.m. to 12.00noon for 7 weeks. Bring a bible or New Testament if you have one. **All welcome.**

Hugh Campbell Memorial Charity Quiz will take place in Saint Peter's Social and Recreation Club on Friday 21st February at 8.00p.m. £5.00 entry. A raffle will take place and all proceeds going to Lurgan Lourdes Fundraising Committee. **Everyone welcome**

Parish Sacristan: Fionnuala Hamill

(028) 3832 1289

Parish Website: www.lurganparish.com

Saint Vincent de Paul, William Street:

(028) 3832 5725

Safeguarding Children and Adults

Who Require Protection

Dromore Diocesan Designated Liaison Person

Mrs Patricia Carville. Tel. 077 8991 7741

Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding Representative

Ms Fionnuala Hamill. Tel. 028 3832 1289

**** Emergency number for all sick calls**

(weekends included) Tel: (028) 3832 3161 **

FEAST DAYS 2020

Monday 10th February – Saint Scholastica is the foundress of the women's branch of Benedictine Monasticism. She is the patron saint of nuns, education, and children who experience convulsions.

Monday 11th February – Our Lady of Lourdes is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated in honour of the Marian apparitions that occurred in 1858 in the vicinity of Lourdes in France. The first of these is the apparition of 11th February 1858, when 14-year old Bernadette Soubirous told her mother that a "lady" spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle (a kilometre from the town) while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend. Similar apparitions of the "Lady" were reported on eighteen occasions that year. Bernadette described that the apparition as dressed in a flowing white robe, with a blue sash around her waist.

The Church, faced with nationwide questions, decided to institute an investigative commission on 17th November 1858. On the 18th January 1860, the local bishop finally declared that: "The Virgin Mary did appear indeed to Bernadette Soubirous." These events established the Marian veneration in Lourdes, which together with Fátima, is one of the most frequented Marian shrines in the world, and to which between 4 and 6 million pilgrims travel annually.

Monday 11th February - Saint Gobnait also known as Gobnat or Mo Gobnat or Abigail or Deborah, is the name of a medieval, female Irish saint whose church was Móin Mór, later Bairnech, in the village of Ballyvourney, County Cork.

Friday 14th February – Saint Cyril and Methodius (815–885) were two missionary brothers who were born in Thessalonica. They are known as the "Apostles to the Slavs".

A huge thank you to all who supported Kieran Martin on his 365-day cycle challenge. A total of £571.00 was raised and kindly donated to Lurgan Lourdes Fundraising Committee and us very much appreciated. **GOOD MAN KIERAN!!!!**

S.V.D.P. SENIOR CITIZENS ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

Date: Tuesday 18th February at 7.30p.m.
Venue: STABLES RESTAURANT
Music: Heartbeat

Tickets: Available on Tuesday 11th February in The Ozanam Centre, William Street. The number of tickets is limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis!

5th & 6th Dromore Scout Group are holding a **Fundraising Quiz on Friday 21st February 2020 at 8.00pm in the Goodyear Social Club, Lurgan.** The doors will open at 7.30p.m. The cost is £5.00 per person. Everyone welcome!

During the month of January our 'Food Bank' donated a fantastic 149kg/23.5st of items. We currently have an urgent need for the following: tinned tomatoes, dilute drinks, long life milk, packet smash/potato, tinned vegetables and tinned meat. Thank you for your continued generosity - it really is making a huge difference in so many people's lives.

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society's first event of 2020 will be in Saint Peter's Hall, Lurgan at 7:30p.m. on Monday 17th February, when Paul Carlin will give a lecture entitled: **Penal Times - Myth and Reality.** All members and non-members very welcome.

The National Divine Mercy Conference will take place on Friday, 21st, Saturday, 22nd and Sunday, 23rd February 2020 in the RDS., Dublin. THEME: 'Deliver us from evil' - (Matthew 6:13) Tickets are available online at www.divinemercyconference.com As always, Friday evening is free of charge. The speakers this year include: Archbishop Eamon Martin D.D., Archbishop Diarmuid Martin D.D., Maria Steen (Author), Father Pat Collins C.M. (Author), Father Peter Glas (Poland), Fr Brendan Walsh S.C.A. All enquiries should telephone: 00 353 86 066 9203. More details will follow at www.divinemercyconference.com

'The Friendly Club' in Clan na Gael Community Hall (a social group for all of us older people who enjoy celebrating and making the most out of life) meets every Thursday from 10:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. £2.00 per week. Everyone welcome!

'Clan Na Gael Well-Being Committee' will host a 3-hour workshop about Dementia on Wednesday 12th February 2020 from 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. (light refreshments are included). The workshop is not specifically for carers or family members of dementia sufferers, but is open to everyone. It will be delivered by the Alzheimer's Society. Please note that early booking is essential.

Community Strength and Balance Classes will take place in Clan Na Gael Community Hall, Francis Street Lurgan from 26th February to 18th March - 10.00a.m. to 11.00a.m. (admission free).

Men Only 'Chi me' Classes will take place in Clan Na Gael Community Hall, Francis Street, Lurgan from 21st April to 12th May - 9:30a.m. to 10:30a.m. (admission will be free – pen the dates in your diary lads!!!). For more information about any of these events, or for bookings, please contact Eileen on 0772 517 9863

On Saint Valentine's Day I guess quite a lot of people will receive huge cards displaying rosy red hearts, apprentice cherubs practicing archery, and sappy sad verses inside with professions of starry-eyed and drippy love - well, everyone except Bart Simpson and Father Colum! Valentine's Day is the day when we celebrate romantic love. Incidentally, it is also the day when card shops, post offices, florists, jewellers and restaurants celebrate.

So, who was Saint Valentine and why do we celebrate this day? Some say that there were two different men named Valentine, the first was a Roman priest who was martyred during the persecution of Claudius around 269A.D., and the second was a Bishop of Terni who was taken to Rome and martyred. Though the surviving accounts of both martyrdoms are legendry, it is just possible that both refer to the same person.

The nicest story I've come across about Saint Valentine is that he was imprisoned because he refused to worship pagan gods, and while in prison he made friends with the jailer's daughter who was cured of her illness because of his prayers. On the date of his execution (February 14th) the story goes that just before his death he sent her a note that was signed 'From Your Valentine'. As Saint Valentine's Day is the feast of romantic love, let me tell you a wee story about another kind of love.

There was once a large family who lived on a farm and who cared for their old frail grandmother. The doctor suggested that they might give her a small glass of brandy each night in order to help her digestion and her sleep. However, the old granny was a staunch pioneer and refused to take anything that would break her pledge.

The family loved Granny so much and they couldn't bear to watch her in any kind of discomfort, so, every night they would bring her a large glass of milk that was laced with Hennessy's finest Cognac.

For three years the old lady drank the mixture, and even licked her lips so as not to miss the last drop. Before she died, before she went to meet her God, she held her son's hand tightly and gently whispered into his ear, 'Whatever you do son, never ever sell that cow!'

Such a family would be richly rewarded by God, because each simple act of theirs was done to give comfort, joy, happiness and true love to their old granny. **Colum W.**

WALK THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO FOR YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE.

The Southern Area Hospice is delighted to announce that they will be taking a group of walkers to complete this once in a lifetime expedition from 23rd to 30th May 2020. If you would like to join us on this journey please phone Amy in Fundraising on (028) 3025 1333 or email mckeowna@southernareahospiceservices.org for more information. If you can, try to come along to our information night in Hospice on Thursday 30th January at 7.00p.m.

HOSPITALITÉ OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES DIOCESE OF DROMORE '50TH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE' 12TH MAY TO 17TH MAY 2020

If you are interested in travelling as a Pilgrim; please contact any member of the parish Lourdes Committee as soon as possible. The pilgrim fare will cost £660.00. Every Tuesday after the 10.00a.m. Mass a member of the Lourdes Committee will be in attendance to answer any queries parishioners may have.

A Valentine's Day Céilí and Old Time Dance will take place in The Mitchell's Hut, Derrymore, Aghagallon, BT67 0BP on Friday 14th February 2020 at 9.30p.m. The entrance fee is £5.00 which includes supper. Music by Raymond Loney as always! Come and share the love! Everyone is very welcome!

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE PARISHES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on 24 February - £399.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer to Knock, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast lunch and dinner (full board). All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £40.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING MARRIAGE??

ACCORD MARRIAGE CARE, NEWRY invites you to a MASS OF COMMITMENT to be held in Newry Cathedral on SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY at 6.00p.m. Please join us in seeking God's blessing for your future together...



RECENTLY DECEASED

As parishioners' we offer our sincere sympathies, prayer and support the family members of:
Caroline McAvoy, Sloan Hill Mews
Patsy Lewsley Kilwillie Road
Jerome McCaughley, Kilvergan Road
May they rest in Peace!

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY (Vigil Mass at 7.00pm)

Lily McMahan, Richmount Gardens
Patricia McShane, Glenholme Park
SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 9.00a.m.
Annie O'Hanlon, Church Walk
Eddie Toman, Edward Street
SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 10.30a.m.

Tom Downey, Southampton
Alice News, Woodville Avenue
SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 12.00 noon
Harry Leathem, Drumlin Drive
MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 10.00a.m
Edward Gaskin, Kilwillie Road
Hugh Heaney, Manor Park
John Gallagher, Thornleigh

Paddy McAlinden, Francis Street
TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 10.00a.m.

Elizabeth McCrory, Rampart Street
Margaret McCann, Shankill Street
Jimmy Thornbury, Shankill Street
Adeline McMullan,
Drumellan Park, Craigavon

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 10.00a.m.

Helena Devlin (nee Mallon), Omagh
FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 10.00a.m.
John Haughey, North Street (Dublin)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

S.V.D.P. SUMMER BREAK FOR SENIOR CITIZENS TO MORNINGTON

Sunday 21st June to Saturday 27th June. Transport provided with full board with live entertainment each night and The building suitable for those with any mobility problems. Cost £170.00 per person sharing with a £50.00 single supplement.

To book, or for additional information telephone Sheila on 028 3832 2500 after 6.00pm

NORTH LURGAN RE-IMAGING PROJECT SUPPORTED BY THE PEACE PROGRAMME.

We invite you to come along to hear more about the history of North Lurgan.
Explore Town lands, Influential People, Mass Rock and much more.
Presented by Jimmy Conway.
Tuesday 18th February
In Lurgan Town Hall on at 7.30p.m.



The next blood donation sessions will be held in High Street Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February from 1.30p.m. to 4.00p.m. and 5.15p.m. to 8.00p.m. **Please come along!!**

LURGAN PRAYER GROUP meet every Thursday in Saint Pater's Parish Hall at 8.00p.m. Everyone welcome

SAINT JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 10th February at 7.00p.m. in St Peter's Parish Meeting Rooms, North Street. The Society prays for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and also raises funds for the education of priests at home and abroad.